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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

June 23, 2003

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action dated April 10, 2003.



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MARK UP FOR AMENDMENT OF JUNE 23, 2003
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IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) An absorbent article comprising:

a liquid permeable surface layer;
a backing sheet; and

an absorbent layer interposed between said surface layer and said backing sheet,

said surface layer including: a porous film having a plurality of through holes; and a fibrous layer disposed on the liquid-receiving face of said porous film, said fibrous layer being of a plurality of strips extending in parallel and [spaced apart from each other] completely separate from each other at predetermined spacing intervals, each strip of said fibrous layer being fixed to said porous film at spaced fixing portions, so that said porous film is exposed between adjacent strips of said fibrous layer.

Respectfully submitted,



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